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YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM KICKS-OFF IN SEPTEMBER

Attention area high school students! Consider joining your local cooperative Youth Ambassador (YA) Program. The youth ambassadors are a group of students that meets monthly during the school year to learn about the cooperative and the community. Activities include interesting education sessions, field trips to local businesses, and meaningful community service. Students are encouraged to make suggestions about topics and activities. YAs also have an opportunity to attend the Youth Leadership Congress at UW-River Falls and are eligible to attend the Washington, D.C., Youth Tour with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Apply now at www.ecec.com under the "Community" tab. Due to COVID-19, the format for the first few months may be altered, so watch your email. You can be sure that we have some great ways to keep any format interactive and fun!



MY CO-OP

Meetings are Wednesdays from Noon – 1:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- September 16, 2020 – Kick-off Meeting
- October 21, 2020
- November 18, 2020
- December TBD – Community Service Event
- January 20, 2021
- February 17, 2021
- March 17, 2021
- April 21, 2021
- May 12, 2021 – YA Graduation



Meet the new Youth Ambassador Coordinator, Adam Westaby. Returning Youth Ambassadors will remember meeting Adam during the electric vehicle presentation last year. Adam is a member services associate at ECEC and is looking forward to a great year with the YAs. Feel free to call or email Adam if you have questions about the program! Phone: 715-832-1603 or email: awestaby@ecec.com



KIDZ ONLY

This is the time of year when Eau Claire Energy Cooperative is usually out and about in the community performing safety demonstrations. Since the coronavirus is preventing in-person electricity safety education, we're bringing it to you this way. This section of the magazine is full of great tips. So, kids – please read this section carefully and find out how to be smart and safe with electricity.

1 Electricity and water don't mix! Keep electronics like phones, iPads, hair dryers, and radios away from the sink, tub, or pool. Even a spill near a video game console could cause an electric shock. If you must use a device near water, it is best to use one that is battery operated.

Nora and her cat, Dwight, know to keep water away from their video game equipment.



2 Do you like to fly kites or drones? Be sure you have a lot of open area and do not fly them near power lines. If a kite, drone, balloon, or anything else comes close to the power lines, let go of it immediately and tell a grown-up. Never throw things in the air near a power line.



Addilyn loves to fly kites and she made sure they were far away from the power lines near her home.

3 Unplug items by grasping the plug end and pulling firmly or by asking an adult for help. Never pull on the cord. It could break and cause an electric shock.

Harper asks her parents to help her unplug her iPad before she plays games.



4 Tree climbing can be a very exciting adventure (with grown-up's permission). But, remember to look around the tree before you climb. Be sure there are no branches touching the power lines.

Grant checked this tree to be sure there were no power lines nearby before he climbed on up.



5 Playing outside is so fun! Swing sets, slides, and jungle gyms are perfect for swinging, jumping, and climbing. What is not good for climbing? Transformer boxes. You may see green metal transformer boxes or pedestals in your yard or near your driveway. These hold underground power lines and can cause an electric shock. Do not play near these green boxes.

Addilyn, Harper, and Lila spend hours on their playset. They know that the green box in the corner of their yard is not a toy.



Carson and Haley know when it's safe to swim. They keep an eye on the sky!

6 Hear thunder or see lightning? Now is not the time for a swim. If you hear or see stormy weather, exit the lake or pool immediately. Lightning regularly strikes water, and since water conducts electricity, a nearby strike could kill or injure you.

A big thanks to all the Eau Claire Energy Cooperative kids and their parents for helping us demonstrate electricity safety in the photos provided!



Kids ages 12 and under, complete this quiz and send it to us by August 20, 2020. If you get all the answers correct, we'll put your name in for a drawing. Five winners will be mailed a prize pack that includes a MemberSolar plush sheep.

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ECEC, Quiz Contest
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Fall Creek, WI 54742

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SWIMMING POOL ELECTRICAL SAFETY

Water and electricity never mix! Remember to practice electrical safety when you're cooling off in the swimming pool or lake. Fill in the blanks in the electrical safety tips below. Use the word bank for help.

1. If you hear _____, immediately exit the water. Storms may be near.
2. Never bring _____ devices near a swimming pool or lake. If they come in contact with water, electric shock could occur. Devices should be kept at least 10 feet away from water sources.
3. Outdoor electrical outlets should be covered to keep them _____.
4. When possible, use _____ operated electrical devices when outside near a swimming pool or lake.

WORD BANK: electrical, battery, thunder, dry



CANCELED

Second Annual EV Experience!

**EV event rescheduled
for September 26, 2020,
has been canceled.**

**Plans are underway for
a 2021 event.**

WAYS TO PAY YOUR ENERGY BILL



- **SmartHub App** – download the SmartHub app from your mobile device app store
- **Online** – www.ecec.com under the “My Account” tab
- **Mail** check or money order to Eau Claire Energy Cooperative, PO Box 368, Fall Creek, WI 54742
- **Phone** by calling 715-832-1603, Option 2
- **Drop box** (no cash) which is located at our headquarters building and accessed from the N. Elco Road driveway
- **Cash payments** are accepted at Walmart service counters for a small fee
- **Stop by** 2004 Highland Avenue, Eau Claire (temporary lobby location) Monday – Friday between 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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